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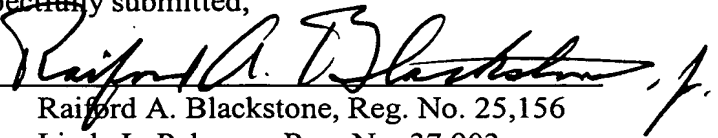
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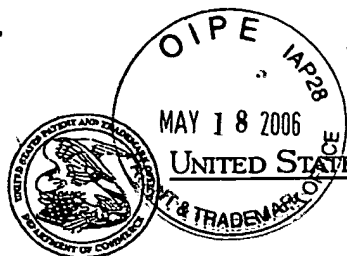
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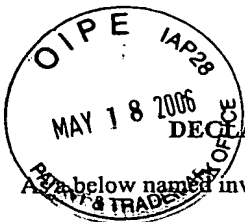
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(check one) ☐ is attached hereto.

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and was amended on March 8, 2005.
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